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**Petition for Extension of Time**

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time of two (2) months from the original response date of March 5, 2004 for responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts in the above-identified patent application. With the extension of time, the period for response now extends up to and includes April 15, 2004. A check for $420.00 is enclosed herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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